



# International Kwanmukan NEWS

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## 2017 KMK Symposium

The 2017 annual KMK Symposium took place in February at Hickey Karate Center. A wide range of exciting topics were covered in the three-day event. Topics included Karate, Jujitsu, Combatives, Kata and much more. Thanks to all the great instructors.

Congratulations to all Black Belts that received promotion this year. The Black Belt Awards Ceremony held annually at the Symposium recognizes all those individuals granted Dan rank in the previous year. This year, several high-ranking KMK Shihan received important KMK promotions to ninth Dan: Larry Feldman, Brian Pendleton, Jeff Ellis and

Michael Bukala; each of these individuals is a direct student of KMK founder Great Grandmaster George E. Anderson. One of the highlights of the Awards Ceremony was the award of the George E. Anderson Memorial Award to Shihan Ron Layton (see page 2).

The KMK Symposium is one of the most important events held by our organization every year. Senior KMK members offer their expertise, experience and insights in a family-like environment. Members have the chance to develop relationships with other KMK individuals outside their own dojo. This comradery is part of the glue that hold the Kwanmukan together.

# Shihan and Dr. Ron Layton – Serving our country for more than 25 years

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Ron Layton was appointed Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information in March of 2017. In this position, Mr. Layton has direct oversight of the agency's protective intelligence, threat assessment, behavioral analysis program, and all counter surveillance activities.

A 25-year veteran of the Secret Service, Mr. Layton has served in numerous supervisory assignments. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Assistant Director, Mr. Layton was the Special Agent in Charge of the White House Technical liaison section, responsible for the daily operations and long-term strategy for information systems provided to the President.

Mr. Layton began his career in the Philadelphia Field Office as a Special Agent. He was subsequently assigned to several positions in Washington, D.C. to include the Presidential Protective Division (PPD), the Counter Assault Team, and Criminal Investigative Division (CID). Mr. Layton's supervisory career began as the Deputy Director of the National Cyber Security Division (NCSD) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Program Director of the Secret Service Electronic crimes task forces; supervising 17 ECTF's across the United States. Mr. Layton also worked as a supervisor in the Special Operations Division (SOD), commanding counter assault teams in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as numerous foreign and domestic trips, providing tactical support and protection to the President. While assigned to SOD,

## Kwanmukan Life Membership

The Kwanmukan Life Membership Program was initiated in 2012. Life members pledge their allegiance and affiliation to our organization, which is our extended family. This year the KMK welcomed several new Life Members: Larry Feldman, Tim Norfolk, Mark Ackerman,

## 2017 KMK Summer Festival

The third annual Kwanmukan Summer Training Festival will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at the Redwing Picnic Area of the Cleveland Metroparks. Redwing is located off of West Drive in the Hinckley Reservation, off of Bellus Road between Route 606 and State Road in Hinckley Township. The event will go from 1 p.m. until about 7 p.m. Plan to arrive by 12:30 p.m. for the formal line up at 12:45 p.m. Introductions and group presentation will start at 1 p.m., followed by 45-minute breakout sessions throughout the day. An evening meal is provided as

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Mr. Layton was the chief tactical architect of several National Special Security Events (NSSE); to include, the Republican National Convention, the Democratic National Convention, the Visit of the Pope to the United States and the G-20. Mr. Layton was the Resident Agent in Charge of the Charleston, West Virginia Office. In his next assignment returning to Washington, D.C., Mr. Layton was appointed as the Deputy Chief Information Officer (DCIO), responsible for the alignment of technology to mission for the agency.

Prior to his appointment with the Secret Service, Mr. Layton worked as an electrical engineer writing software in the automation and controls industry. In addition, Mr. Layton worked as an adjunct instructor of Physics and Mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Layton holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Business Administration.

Ron Layton's ties to the Kwanmukan extend to his early childhood training in the martial arts. His knowledge and real-life experience, as well as his superior ability to teach, make him a treasured asset to the KMK. Don't miss the chance to train with Shihan Layton – not many martial artists are afforded this unique and exciting opportunity.



**RON LAYTON**  
Deputy Chief Information  
Officer (DCIO)  
U.S. Secret Service

Dan Vento, Ray Leone, Liane Arter, Calvin Arter and Molly Largent. A complete list of KMK Life Members is shown on page 4. Applications to become a Life Member can be obtained from Shihan's Jeff Ellis or Larry Whelan. Membership cost is \$300 and can be paid over time.

part of the registration and begins about 5:30 p.m.

The Summer Festival was established to focus on fun and training for KYU rank members, though there are special Black Belt session each year. The Festival is open to all KMK dojos and their students and families and is a great opportunity to share in fellowship as summer draws to a close. Sessions are appropriate for all levels of experience, from the beginner to the advance practitioner.

Registration is now open. If you have questions, please contact Shihan Jeff Ellis at 440-238-9390.

# 2016-2017 Dan Announcements

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Hanshi Bob Saal is recognized as 9th Dan in Taekwondo by the Kangdukwon and 9th Dan in Jujitsu by the WJF. Hanshi Saal is the senior student of Grandmaster Hanshi George Anderson

Hanshi Larry Overholt is recognized as 9th Dan in Taekwondo by the Kangdukwon. Hanshi Overholt is a direct student of Grandmaster Hanshi George Anderson.

Shihan Larry Feldman is recognized as 9th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Shihan Feldman is a direct student of Hanshi George Anderson.

Shihan Brian Pendleton is recognized as 9th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Shihan Pendleton is a direct student of Hanshi George Anderson.

Shihan Jeff Ellis is recognized as 9th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Shihan Ellis is a direct student of Hanshi George Anderson.

Shihan Mike Bukala is recognized as 9th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate as well as 9th Dan under the USAKF. Shihan Bukala is a direct student of Hanshi George Anderson.

Shihan Akram Geelani is receiving his 8th Dan in Karate and 5th Dan in Iaido from the USAKF.

Shihan Mike Antonides is receiving his 7th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Shihan Antonides is a student of Hanshi Larry Overholt.

Shihan Jeff Rhodes is receiving his 7th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Shihan Rhodes is a student of Hanshi Carl Wilcox.

Sensei Steve McKay is receiving his 6th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei McKay is a student of Hanshi Larry Overholt.

Sensei David Lang is receiving his 6th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei Lang is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey and Shihan Pam Hickey.

Sensei Mark Ackerman is receiving his 5th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei Ackerman is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Sensei Joany Anderson Aquilla is receiving her 5th Dan in Taekwondo from the Kangdukwon. Sensei Aquilla is a student of Shihan Lance Weimer.

Sensei Chuck Rickard is receiving his 5th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei Rickard is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey and Shihan Pam Hickey.

Sensei Laura Rickard is receiving her 5th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei Laura Rickard is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey and Shihan Pam Hickey.

Sensei Bill Stefanacci is receiving his 5th Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei Stefanacci is a student of Shihan Michael Ayers.

Zachariah Camp is receiving his 3rd Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Camp is a student of Shihan John Heaton.

Amy Driscoll is receiving her 3rd Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Driscoll is a student of Hanshi Larry Overholt.

Charles Flatt is receiving his 3rd Dan and is recognized as an Organizational Sensei in Kwanmukan Karate. Sensei Flatt is a student of Shihan Jeff Hudson.

Howard Funk is receiving his 3rd Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Funk is a student of Hanshi Larry Overholt and Shihan Mike Antonides.

Rebecca Page is receiving her 3rd Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Page is a student of Shihan Michael Ayers.

Michael Adams is receiving his 2nd Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Adams is a student of Shihan David Ames.

Regan McNamara is receiving her 2nd Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. McNamara is a student of Shihan Larry Whelan.

Daniel Check is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Check is a student of Shihan David Ames.

Ian Cubberley is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Cubberley is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Kama Floyd is receiving her/his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms./Mr. Floyd is a student of Sensei Steve McKay.

Savanah Ives is receiving her 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Ives is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Kristen Jansen is receiving her 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Jansen is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Andrew Jucha is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Jucha is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey.

Jun Kojima is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Kojima is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Molly Largent is receiving her 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Largent is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Cassidy McColl is receiving her Shodan Ho and 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. McColl is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey.

Jason McColl is receiving his 1st Level Junior Black Belt and 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. McColl is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey.

Daniel Owen is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Owen is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Andre Rudlosky is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Rudlosky is a student of Shihan David Ames.

Laura Shifley is receiving her 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Shifley is a student of Sensei Steve McKay.

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## Current Kwanmukan Life Members

Corinne Housley  
 Pat Hickey  
 Pam Hickey  
 Brian Pendleton  
 Todd Freeman  
 Jeff Hudson  
 Rich Arter  
 Bob Saal  
 Larry Whelan  
 David Ames  
 Larry Overholt  
 Keith Dougherty  
 Joany Aquia  
 Scott Craig  
 Albert Pecoraro  
 Mike Bukala  
 Carol Hofer  
 David Lang  
 Ron Layton  
 Lance Weimer  
 Jeff Rhodes  
 Joe Raymond  
 Jeff Ellis  
 Bob Burns  
 Al Muesel  
 Laura Ricard  
 Amy Driscoll  
 Mike Antonides  
 Cheryl Smith  
 Dane Smith  
 Ryan Current  
 Bob Butler  
 Danny Stephens  
 John Forcone  
 Larry Feldman  
 Bill Stefanacci  
 Woody Wilson  
 Dan Vento  
 Liane Arter  
 Calvin Arter  
 Molly Largent  
 Mark Akerman  
 Tim Norfolk  
 Howard Funk  
 Chuck Rickard  
 Raymond Leone  
 Christy Modin  
 Sarah Thompson  
 Stephen Knerly  
 Brian Kozack

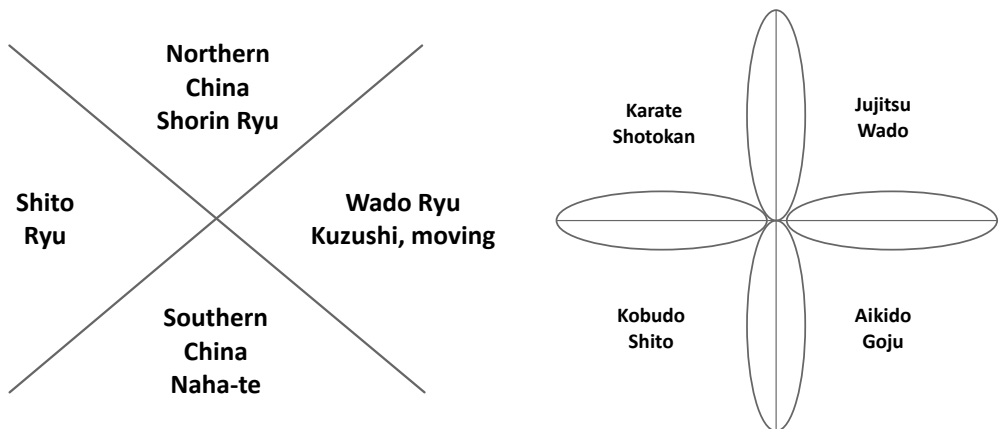
## Quartering as an analytical tool

Great Grandmaster Anderson often used quartering as an analytical tool, starting with a circle and then dividing it into four parts. At just about every lecture, he drew a circle on his white board and then quartered it to convey his thoughts on some aspect of martial

arts and the Kwanmukan. As Hanshi Anderson was an eclectic and life-long student, his quartering presentation was never exactly the same, but evolved as his learning evolved. Despite differences in presentation, there was also great consistency in core concepts.



*Lessons from Hanshi Anderson*



These are just two examples of how Hanshi Anderson used quartering to analyze the martial arts. Do you start to see a pattern and significance to the Kwanmukan?

## 2016-2017 Dan Announcements (continued)

Jon Taylor is receiving his 1st Dan in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Taylor is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Daniel Wilson is receiving his 1st Dan in Taekwondo from the Kangdukwon. Mr. Wilson is a student of

Rachael Diese is receiving her Shodan Ho in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Diese is a student of Shihan John Heaton.

Matthew Dougherty is receiving his Shodan Ho in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Dougherty is a student of Shihan David Ames.

Thomas Jansen is receiving his Shodan Ho in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Jansen is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Anthony Rudlosky is receiving his Shodan Ho in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Rudlosky is a student of Shihan David Ames.

James Salisbury is receiving his Shodan Ho in Kwanmukan Karate. Mr. Salisbury is a student of Shihan John Heaton.

Sharon Salisbury is receiving her Shodan Ho in Kwanmukan Karate. Ms. Salisbury is a student of Shihan John Heaton.

Ian Taylor is receiving his 2nd Level Junior Black Belt. Mr. Taylor is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Josh Bordonaro is receiving his 1st Level Junior Black Belt. Mr. Bordonaro is a student of Hanshi Pat Hickey.

David Guerra is receiving his 1st Level Junior Black Belt. Mr. Guerra is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.

Kaz Kojima is receiving his 1st Level Junior Black Belt. Mr. Kojima is a student of Shihan Jeff Ellis.